

Sermon Reflection Questions "Saved Into Glory" (Romans 8:18-30)

When have you been eagerly excited for something in the past? How can that sense of expectant hope lead us to understand Paul's sense of anticipation in this passage?

How does the knowledge that God's glory will dwarf our current sufferings help us in the Christian life?

In what was is it comforting to know that the Spirit is at work before God's throne now? How does this passage help us think of the relationship of those in the Trinity?

Aeschylus wrote the following: "He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God." How does this help us think about things working for good rather than merely for our comfort? In what ways is this better than if we got everything we wanted?

How can we see the doctrine of election as a comfort rather than a problem? In what ways do we still struggle to understand this doctrine?